

MassGrown and Fresher News - March Maple Month, and More!

Reminder: Our Massachusetts Farms are Open – Tips and Recommendations

March is Massachusetts "Maple Month" and nothing better than warm maple syrup on pancakes, waffles, in your favorite maple treat at home. The <u>Baker-Polito Administration Declares March</u> "Massachusetts Maple Month" and Monday, Commissioner John Lebeaux, local officials, and representatives from the Massachusetts Maple Association toured maple sugaring houses throughout Western Massachusetts to raise awareness of the Commonwealth's many maple producers and to encourage



residents to purchase locally-produced maple products. Our state's maple producers offer sales of syrup at their farm, farmers' markets, and online. To find sugarhouses statewide, <u>click</u> here.

Maple Weekend is March 20-21! Learn how maple products are made, talk to a sugar maker,



and bring home some delicious maple products! Check out the <u>massmaple.org</u> to find a participating sugar house close to you.

What's a better way to celebrate #massmaplemonth in

Massachusetts than with a cinnamon maple latte! The warm and sweet flavor of maple is sure to make any morning cozy. Check out this simple latte recipe that's easy to make at home with your favorite local maple syrup or maple milk! For more recipes and other maple syrup resources, visit the Massachusetts Maple Producers Association website.

For more awesome farmers markets, webinars, and virtual events make sure to check out the <u>MassGrown Calendar of Events</u> to stay up to date. It includes a unique event today and tomorrow, the <u>North Quabbin's Virtual Beer Dinner</u>. Our complete list of <u>statewide craft</u> beverages here.

Winter Farmer's Markets are still going strong and have bravely survived the winter season. The mobile-friendly MassGrown map has up-to-date locations. Find a local farmer's market or

CSA farm near you. Make sure to check websites or contact them directly to see if their hours have changed due to adjustments from the pandemic and winter months. Holyoke's last "Winter Market" is tomorrow at the War Memorial Building, 310 Appleton St, from 11 am - 2 pm.

Important measures are still being taken by farms to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in communities across the Commonwealth. To those of you who have supported local agriculture by buying from your local farm, farmers market, and nursery or greenhouse, we thank you for your commitment to buying local and supporting our farmers in Massachusetts. We ask that in these challenging times, as industries across the board are being severely impacted, you continue to support the agricultural sector in Massachusetts.



These warm temperatures have us also thinking and planning for our gardens, flowers, and landscaping. Find a local garden center near you!

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